

The General Definition of the Complex Monge-Ampère Operator on Compact Kähler Manifolds

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Abstract. We introduce a wide subclass $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ of quasi-plurisubharmonic functions in a compact Kähler manifold, on which the complex Monge-Ampère operator is well-defined and the convergence theorem is valid. We also prove that $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ is a convex cone and includes all quasi-plurisubharmonic functions which are in the Cegrell class.

1. Introduction

Let X be a compact connected Kähler manifold of dimension n , equipped with the fundamental form ω given in local coordinates by $\omega = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{\alpha, \beta} g_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} dz^\alpha \wedge d\bar{z}^\beta$, where $(g_{\alpha\bar{\beta}})$ is a positive definite Hermitian matrix and $d\omega = 0$. The smooth volume form associated to this Kähler metric is the n th wedge product ω^n . Denote by $PSH(X, \omega)$ the set of upper semi-continuous functions $u : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$ such that u is integrable in X with respect to the volume form ω^n and $\omega_u := \omega + dd^c u \geq 0$ on X , where $d = \partial + \bar{\partial}$ and $d^c = i(\bar{\partial} - \partial)$. These functions are called quasi-plurisubharmonic functions (quasi-psh for short) and play an important role in the study of positive closed currents in X , see Demailly's paper [D1]. A quasi-psh function is locally the difference of a plurisubharmonic function and a smooth function. Therefore, many properties of plurisubharmonic functions hold also for quasi-psh functions. Following Bedford and Taylor [BT2], the complex Monge-Ampère operator $(\omega + dd^c)^n$ is locally and hence globally well defined for all bounded quasi-psh functions in X . Some important results of the complex Monge-Ampère operator for bounded quasi-psh functions have been obtained by Kolodziej [KO1-2] and Blocki [BL1]. It is also known that the complex Monge-Ampère operator does not work well for all unbounded quasi-psh functions. Otherwise, we shall lose some of the essential properties that the complex Monge-Ampère operator should have, see Kiselman's paper

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[KI] or Bedford's survey [B]. In a bounded domain of \mathbb{C}^n one usually needs certain assumptions on values of functions near the boundary of the domain to define complex Monge-Ampère measures of unbounded plurisubharmonic functions, see the Cegrell class [C1-2] where Cegrell introduced the largest subclass $\mathcal{E}(\Omega)$ of plurisubharmonic functions in a bounded hyperconvex domain Ω for which the complex Monge-Ampère operator is well-defined and the monotone convergence theorem is valid. However, such a technique does not seem to work for quasi-psh functions in a compact Kähler manifold because we lose boundary. On the other hand, it was already observed by Bedford and Taylor [BT1] that for each quasi-psh function u the complex Monge-Ampère measure $\omega_u^n := (\omega + dd^c u)^n$ is well defined on its non-polar subset $\{u > -\infty\}$. The complex Monge-Ampère measures ω_u^n concentrating on $\{u > -\infty\}$ were studied by Guedj and Zeriahi [GZ]. In [X3] we obtained several convergence theorems for complex Monge-Ampère measures without mass on pluripolar sets. In this paper we introduce a quite large subclass $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ of quasi-psh functions on which images of the complex Monge-Ampère operator are well-defined positive measures and may have positive masses on pluripolar sets. We prove that the set $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ is a convex cone and includes all quasi-psh functions which are in the Cegrell class. Our main result is the following convergence theorem of the complex Monge-Ampère operator in $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$.

Theorem 5. (Convergence Theorem) *Let $0 \leq p < \infty$. Suppose that $u_0 \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ and that $g \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$ is nonpositive. If $u_j, u \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ are such that $u_j \rightarrow u$ in Cap_ω on X and $u_j \geq u_0$, then $(-g)^p \omega_{u_j}^n \rightarrow (-g)^p \omega_u^n$ weakly in X .*

As a direct consequence we have

Corollary 5. *Let $0 \leq p < \infty$ and $0 \geq g \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$. If $u_j, u \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ are such that $u_j \searrow u$ or $u_j \nearrow u$ in X , then $(-g)^p \omega_{u_j}^n \rightarrow (-g)^p \omega_u^n$ weakly in X .*

For bounded quasi-psh functions, Corollary 5 is a slightly stronger version of the well-known monotone convergence theorem due to Bedford and Taylor [BT2].

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2. The class $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$

In this section we first introduce the subclass $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ of quasi-psh functions, on which images of the complex Monge-Ampère operator are finite positive measures in X . We obtain some characterizations of functions in $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. Finally, we prove that $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ is a star-shaped and convex set.

Recall that the Monge-Ampère capacity Cap_ω associated to the Kähler form ω is defined by

$$Cap_\omega(E) = \sup \left\{ \int_E \omega_u^n; u \in PSH(X, \omega) \text{ and } -1 \leq u \leq 0 \right\},$$

for any Borel set E in X . The capacity Cap_ω is introduced by Kolodziej [KO1] and is comparable to the relative Monge-Ampère capacity of Bedford and Taylor [BT2], and hence vanishes exactly on pluripolar sets of X . Recall also that a sequence μ_j of positive Borel measures is said to be uniformly absolutely continuous with respect to Cap_ω on X , or we write that $\mu_j \ll Cap_\omega$ on X uniformly for all j , if for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $\mu_j(E) < \varepsilon$ for all j and Borel sets $E \subset X$ with $Cap_\omega(E) < \delta$. Denote by $PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$ the subset of functions u in $PSH(X, \omega)$ with $\max_X u \leq -1$. Given a function $u \in PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$, we define the measure $(-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega$ in X which is zero in $\{u = -\infty\}$ and

$$\int_E (-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{E \cap \{u > -j\}} (-\max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega$$

for all $k \geq 1$ and $E \subset \{u > -k\}$. In a completely similar way, we define the measure $\omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega := \chi_{\{u > -\infty\}} \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega$, where $\chi_{\{u > -\infty\}}$ is the characteristic function of the set $\{u > -\infty\}$. It is worth to point out that in general neither the measure $(-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega$ nor $\omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega$ is locally finite in X . However, we have the following result.

Proposition 1. *Let $u \in PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$. Suppose that*

$$-\max(u, -j) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll Cap_\omega \quad \text{on } X \text{ uniformly for all } j = 1, 2, \dots$$

Then the following statements hold.

- (1) $(-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega$ and $\omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega$ are finite positive measures in X ;
- (2) $\max(u, -j) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \rightarrow u \omega_u^{n-1}$ and $\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \rightarrow \omega_u^{n-1}$ as currents as $j \rightarrow \infty$;
- (3) $(-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll Cap_\omega$ on X .

Proof. Since $\int_X (-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{u > -k} (-\max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq \sup_j \int_X (-\max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega < \infty$, we obtain that $(-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega$ is a finite positive measure and so is $\omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega$. Write $\max(u, -j) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} = \chi_{\{u \leq -j\}} \max(u, -j) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} + \chi_{\{u > -j\}} \max(u, -j) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1}$, where the first term on the right hand side tends to zero and the second one tends to $u \omega_u^{n-1}$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Similarly, we get that $\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \rightarrow \omega_u^{n-1}$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Moreover, for any $E \subset X$ with $Cap_\omega(E) \neq 0$ we can take an open set G in X such that $E \subset G$ and $Cap_\omega(G) \leq 2 Cap_\omega(E)$. Then $\int_E (-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq \int_G ((-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega) \leq \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_G (-\max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega$, which implies that $(-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll Cap_\omega$ on X and the proof of Proposition 1 is complete.

Let $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ be the subset of functions in $PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$ which satisfy the hypotheses of Proposition 1. The complex Monge-Ampère measure ω_u^n of a function u in $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ is defined by the sum

$$\omega_u^n := \omega \wedge \omega_u^{n-1} + dd^c(u \omega_u^{n-1}),$$

where the currents $u \omega_u^{n-1}$ and ω_u^{n-1} are the limits of two sequences $\max(u, -j) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1}$ and $\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1}$ respectively. Locally using the inequality $(\omega + dd^c(\phi + u))^n \geq n \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge$

ω , where $\omega = dd^c \phi$, we can easily see that $(-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ in X for any $u \in PSH^{-1}(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$, where $L^\infty(X)$ denotes the set of bounded functions in X . Hence for bounded quasi-psh functions, our definition of the complex Monge-Ampère operator coincides with Bedford's and Taylor's definition given in [BT2]. Denote by $L^1(X, \mu)$ the set of integrable functions in X with respect to the positive measure μ . Now we give a characterization of functions in $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$.

Theorem 1. *Let $u \in PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$. Then $u \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ if and only if*

$$u \in L^1(X, \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega),$$

where $\omega_u^{n-1} := \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1}$ as currents and $\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ on X uniformly for $j = 1, 2, \dots$

Proof. We prove first the "only if" part. Assume that $u \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. By Proposition 1 we have that $\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq (-\max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ on X uniformly for all j , and $\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \rightarrow \omega_u^{n-1}$. Hence, by the lower semi-continuity of $-u$, we get that $\int_X (-\max(u, -t)) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_X (-\max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega < \infty$ for all $t \geq 1$. Thus, we have $u \in L^1(X, \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega)$. Now we prove the "if" part. Observe that for any $k > 1$, by Proposition 4.2 in [BT1] we get $\chi_{\{u > -k\}} \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \chi_{\{u > -k\}} \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \chi_{\{\max(u, -k) > -k\}} \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \chi_{\{\max(u, -k) > -k\}} \omega_{\max(u, -j, -k)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega = \chi_{\{u > -k\}} \omega_{\max(u, -k)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega$. Hence, for any Borel set $E \subset X$ and $k > 1$, we have that $\int_E \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq \int_{u < -k+1} \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega + \int_{E \cap \{u > -k\}} \omega_{\max(u, -k)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{u < -k+1} \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega + \int_E \omega_{\max(u, -k)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega$, where we have used that the set $\{u < -k+1\}$ is open. Since $\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ on X uniformly for j , we have $\omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ on X . It then follows from $u \in L^1(X, \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega)$ that $(-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ on X . For any $j \geq k_1 > 1$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{u \leq -k_1} (-\max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega &\leq j \int_{u \leq -j} \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega + \int_{-j < u \leq -k_1} (-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega \\ &= j \int_X \omega^n - j \int_{u > -j} \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega + \int_{-j < u \leq -k_1} (-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega \\ &\leq j \int_X \omega^n - j \int_{u > -j} \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega + \int_{u \leq -k_1} (-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq \int_{\{u \leq -j\} \cup \{u \leq -k_1\}} (-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for any Borel set $E_1 \subset X$ and $j \geq k_1 > 1$, we have $\int_{E_1} (-\max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq \int_{\{u \leq -j\} \cup \{u \leq -k_1\}} (-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega + k_1 \int_{E_1 \cap \{u > -k_1\}} \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega := A_{k_1, j} + B_{k_1, j}$. Given $\varepsilon > 0$ take $k_\varepsilon > 1$ and $j_\varepsilon > 1$ such that $A_{k_\varepsilon, j} \leq \varepsilon$ for all $j \geq j_\varepsilon$. Since $\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ on X uniformly for all j , there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $(j_\varepsilon +$

$k_\varepsilon) \int_{E_1} \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq \varepsilon$ for all j and $E_1 \subset X$ with $Cap_\omega(E_1) \leq \delta$. Therefore, we have proved that $\int_{E_1} (-\max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq 2\varepsilon$ holds for all j and $E_1 \subset X$ with $Cap_\omega(E_1) \leq \delta$. So $u \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ and the proof of Theorem 1 is complete.

Suppose that Ω is a hyperconvex subset in \mathbb{C}^n . Cegrell [C2] introduced the largest subclass $\mathcal{E}(\Omega)$ of plurisubharmonic functions in Ω , for which the complex Monge-Ampère operator is well-defined and the monotone convergence theorem is valid. Our next theorem says that $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ includes all quasi-psh functions which are in the Cegrell class. Recall that a negative plurisubharmonic function u in Ω is said to belong to $\mathcal{E}(\Omega)$ if for each $z_0 \in \Omega$ there exist a neighborhood U_{z_0} of z_0 and a decreasing sequence u_j of bounded plurisubharmonic functions in Ω , vanishing on the boundary $\partial\Omega$, such that $u_j \searrow u$ on U_{z_0} and $\sup_j \int_\Omega (dd^c u_j)^n < \infty$. Blocki proved in [BL2] that it is a local property to belong to $\mathcal{E}(\Omega)$, that is, if $\Omega = \cup_j \Omega_j$ then $u \in \mathcal{E}(\Omega)$ if and only if $u|_{\Omega_j} \in \mathcal{E}(\Omega_j)$ for each j . We call u in $PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$ for a Cegrell function in X if there exists a finite covering $\{B_s\}_1^m$ of X with hyperconvex subsets B_s such that $\phi_s + u \in \mathcal{E}(B_s)$ for all s , where ϕ_s is a local Kähler potential defined in a neighborhood of the closure of B_s , i.e. $\omega = dd^c \phi_s$ on $B_s = \{\phi_s < 0\}$. Now we prove

Theorem 2. *If u is a Cegrell function in X then $u \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$.*

Proof. Take a new finite open covering $\{B'_s\}_1^m$ of X such that $B'_s \subset\subset B_s$ for all s . By [C2] there exists a decreasing sequence u_j^s of bounded plurisubharmonic functions in B_s , vanishing on ∂B_s , such that $u_j^s \searrow \phi_s + u$ on B'_s and $\sup_j \int_{B_s} (dd^c u_j^s)^n < \infty$. Since Cap_ω is comparable to the relative Monge-Ampère capacity of Bedford and Taylor, see [KO2][BT2], by Lemma 6 in [X2] we get that $-\max(u, -j) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq (-\phi_s - \max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll Cap_\omega$ uniformly for all j on each B'_s and hence on X . Therefore, $u \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ and the proof is complete.

Recall that a sequence u_j of functions in X is said to be convergent to a function u in Cap_ω on X if for any $\delta > 0$ we have

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} Cap_\omega(\{z \in X; |u_j(z) - u(z)| > \delta\}) = 0.$$

For a uniformly bounded sequence in $PSH(X, \omega)$, the convergence in capacity implies weak convergence of the complex Monge-Ampère measures [X1]. Now we prove that the set $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ is a convex cone. First, we need a lemma.

Lemma 1. *Let $u, v \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. Then*

$$\int_{u < v} (v - u) \omega_v^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq \int_{u < v} (v - u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega.$$

If furthermore u and v are bounded, then for all integers $0 \leq l \leq n-1$ we have

$$\int_{u < v} (v-u) \omega_v^l \wedge \omega_u^{n-1-l} \wedge \omega \leq \int_{u < v} (v-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega.$$

Proof. We only prove the first inequality since the proof of the second one is similar. Assume first that u and v are bounded in X . By [D1] there exist a constant $A > 1$ and two sequences $u_j, v_k \in PSH(X, A\omega) \cap C^\infty(X)$ such that $u_j \searrow u$ and $v_k \searrow v$ in X . Given $\varepsilon > 0$. Assume first that $\{u_j < v_k\} \neq X$. Then $\max(v_k, u_j + \varepsilon) = u_j + \varepsilon$ near the boundary of the set $\{u_j < v_k\}$. Take a smooth subset E_ε such that $\{u_j + \varepsilon < v_k\} \subset\subset E_\varepsilon \subset\subset \{u_j < v_k\}$, and write $T = \sum_{l=0}^{n-2} \omega_u^l \wedge \omega_v^{n-2-l} \wedge \omega$. Using Stokes theorem we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{u_j < v_k} (\max(v_k, u_j + \varepsilon) - u_j - \varepsilon) ((A\omega + dd^c u_j) - (A\omega + dd^c \max(v_k, u_j + \varepsilon))) \wedge T \\ &= \int_{E_\varepsilon} d(\max(v_k, u_j + \varepsilon) - u_j) \wedge d^c(\max(v_k, u_j + \varepsilon) - u_j) \wedge T \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

which holds even when $\{u_j < v_k\} = X$. Hence we obtain $\int_{u_j < v_k} (\max(v_k, u_j + \varepsilon) - u_j) (A\omega + dd^c u_j) \wedge T \geq \int_{u_j < v_k} (\max(v_k, u_j + \varepsilon) - u_j - \varepsilon) (A\omega + dd^c \max(v_k, u_j + \varepsilon)) \wedge T \geq \int_{u_j < v_k} (v_k - u_j) (A\omega + dd^c \max(v_k, u_j + \varepsilon)) \wedge T - \varepsilon A \int_X \omega^n$. It turns out from the monotone convergence theorem in [BT2] that $(v_k - u_j) (A\omega + dd^c \max(v_k, u_j + \varepsilon)) \wedge T \longrightarrow (v_k - u_j) (A\omega + dd^c v_k) \wedge T$ weakly in the open set $\{u_j < v_k\}$ as $\varepsilon \searrow 0$. Letting $\varepsilon \searrow 0$ and applying Lebesgue monotone convergence theorem we obtain the inequality $\int_{u_j < v_k} (v_k - u_j) (A\omega + dd^c v_k) \wedge T \leq \int_{u_j < v_k} (v_k - u_j) (A\omega + dd^c u_j) \wedge T$. Therefore, we have $\int_{u_j < v} (v - u_j) (A\omega + dd^c v_k) \wedge T \leq \int_{u < v_k} (v_k - u) (A\omega + dd^c u_j) \wedge T$. On the other hand, we have that u_j, v_k are uniformly bounded, $u_j \rightarrow u$ in Cap_ω and $v_k \rightarrow v$ in Cap_ω on X . So for any $\delta > 0$ the inequality $\int_{u < v} (v - u_j) (A\omega + dd^c v_k) \wedge T \leq \int_{u \leq v} (v_k - u) (A\omega + dd^c u_j) \wedge T + \delta$ holds for all j, k large enough. Then by the quasicontinuity of quasi-psh functions, we can assume without loss of generality that $\{u < v\}$ is open and $\{u \leq v\}$ is closed. It turns out from the proof of Theorem 1 in [X1] that $(v - u_j) (A\omega + dd^c v_k) \wedge T \longrightarrow (v - u_j) (A\omega + dd^c u) \wedge T$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ and $(v - u) (A\omega + dd^c u_j) \wedge T \longrightarrow (v - u) (A\omega + dd^c v) \wedge T$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$ weakly in X . Letting $k \rightarrow \infty$ and then $j \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain $\int_{u < v} (v - u) (A\omega + dd^c v) \wedge T \leq \int_{u \leq v} (v - u) (A\omega + dd^c u) \wedge T + \delta$. Applying tv instead of v for $A > t > 1$ in the last inequality and then letting $t \searrow 1, \delta \searrow 0$ we get $\int_{u < v} (v - u) (A\omega + dd^c v) \wedge T \leq \int_{u < v} (v - u) (A\omega + dd^c u) \wedge T$, which yields that $\int_{u < v} (v - u) \omega_v^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq \int_{u < v} (v - u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega$ for all bounded quasi-psh functions u and v .

Now, for $u, v \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$, we have $\int_{\max(u, -j) < \max(v, -k)} (\max(v, -k) - \max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(v, -k)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq \int_{\max(u, -j) < \max(v, -k)} (\max(v, -k) - \max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega$. Letting $k \rightarrow \infty$, by the definition of $\omega_v^{n-1} \wedge \omega$ we get $\int_{\max(u, -j) < v} (v - \max(u, -j)) \omega_v^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq$

$\int_{\max(u, -j) < v} (v - \max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega$, which by Fatou lemma implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{u < v} (v - u) \omega_v^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\max(u, -j) < v} (v - \max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \\
& \leq \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{u < v} (\max(v, -j) - \max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \\
& \leq \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-s < u < v} (\max(v, -j) - \max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \\
& \quad + \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{u \leq -s\} \cap \{u < v\}} (\max(v, -j) - \max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \\
& = \int_{-s < u < v} (v - u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega + \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{u \leq -s\} \cap \{u < v\}} (\max(v, -j) - \max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega
\end{aligned}$$

for all $s > 1$. Since $(-\max(v, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega < (-\max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ in the set $\{u < v\}$ uniformly for all j , letting $s \rightarrow \infty$ we get the required inequality and the proof of Lemma 1 is complete.

Theorem 3. *Let $u_0 \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. If $u \in PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$ satisfies $u \geq u_0$ in X then $u \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. Moreover, we have that $(-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ on X uniformly for all $u \in PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$ with $u \geq u_0$ in X .*

Proof. Given $k \geq 1$ and $j \geq 1$. Write $u_j = \max(u, -j)$. Then $u_j/3 \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ and by Lemma 1 we have $\int_{u_j < -k} (-u_j) \omega_{u_j}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq 2 \int_{u_j < -k} (-k/2 - u_j) \omega_{u_j}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq 3^{n-1} 2 \int_{u_j < -k/2} (-k/2 - u_j) \omega_{\frac{1}{3}u_j}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq 3^n \int_{u_0 < u_j/3 - k/3} (u_j/3 - k/3 - u_0) \omega_{\frac{1}{3}u_j}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq 3^n \int_{u_0 < u_j/3 - k/3} (u_j/3 - k/3 - u_0) \omega_{u_0}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq 3^n \int_{u_0 < -k/3} (-u_0) \omega_{u_0}^{n-1} \wedge \omega$. Thus, by $(-u_0) \omega_{u_0}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ in X we obtain that $(-u_j) \omega_{u_j}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ in X uniformly for all j , which yields that $u \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. Moreover, for all $k \geq 1$, $t \geq 1$ and $u \in PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$ with $u \geq u_0$, we have $\int_{\max(u, -t) < -k} (-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\max(u, -t) < -k} (-u_j) \omega_{u_j}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{u_j < -k} (-u_j) \omega_{u_j}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq 3^n \int_{u_0 < -k/3} (-u_0) \omega_{u_0}^{n-1} \wedge \omega$. Letting $t \rightarrow \infty$, we get $\int_{u < -k} (-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq 3^n \int_{u_0 < -k/3} (-u_0) \omega_{u_0}^{n-1} \wedge \omega$. Hence, together with $\chi_{\{u > -k-1\}} \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega = \chi_{\{u > -k-1\}} \omega_{\max(u, -k-1)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega$, we obtain that $(-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ on X uniformly for all $u \geq u_0$. The proof of Theorem 3 is complete.

As a direct consequence of Theorem 3 we have

Corollary 1. *Let $u \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. Then $\max(u, v) \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ and $tu \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ for all $v \in PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$ and $0 \leq t \leq 1$.*

Now we prove

Theorem 4. *The set $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ is convex, that is, for any $u, v \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ and $0 \leq t \leq 1$ we have that $tu + (1-t)v \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$.*

Proof. Given $u, v \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. Then $u/2 + v/2 \in PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$. We only need to prove that $u/2 + v/2 \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. From Corollary 1 it turns out that $u/2 \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ and $v/2 \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. Then $\omega_{\max(u/2, -j) + \max(v/2, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega = 1/2^{n-1} (\omega_{\max(u, -2j)} + \omega_{\max(v, -2j)})^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq n!/2^{n-1} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \omega_{\max(u, -2j)}^l \wedge \omega_{\max(v, -2j)}^{n-1-l} \wedge \omega$. Write $u_{2j} = \max(u, -2j)$ and $v_{2j} = \max(v, -2j)$. For all $j \geq k \geq 1$ and $0 \leq l \leq n-1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{u \leq -k} \omega_{u_{2j}}^l \wedge \omega_{v_{2j}}^{n-1-l} \wedge \omega &= 1/k \int_{u \leq -k} (-\max(u, -k)) \omega_{u_{2j}}^l \wedge \omega_{v_{2j}}^{n-1-l} \wedge \omega \\ &\leq 1/k \int_X (-u_{2j}) \omega_{u_{2j}}^l \wedge \omega_{v_{2j}}^{n-1-l} \wedge \omega \leq 1/k \int_{u_{2j} \leq v_{2j}} (-u_{2j}) \omega_{u_{2j}}^l \wedge \omega_{v_{2j}}^{n-1-l} \wedge \omega \\ &\quad + 1/k \int_{u_{2j} > v_{2j}} (-v_{2j}) \omega_{u_{2j}}^l \wedge \omega_{v_{2j}}^{n-1-l} \wedge \omega. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 1 it follows that $\int_{u_{2j} \leq v_{2j}} (-u_{2j}) \omega_{u_{2j}}^l \wedge \omega_{v_{2j}}^{n-1-l} \wedge \omega \leq 2 \int_{u_{2j} \leq v_{2j}} (v_{2j}/2 - u_{2j}) \omega_{u_{2j}}^l \wedge \omega_{v_{2j}}^{n-1-l} \wedge \omega \leq 2^{n-l} \int_{u_{2j} < v_{2j}/2} (v_{2j}/2 - u_{2j}) \omega_{u_{2j}}^l \wedge \omega_{v_{2j}/2}^{n-1-l} \wedge \omega \leq 2^{n-l} \int_{u_{2j} < v_{2j}/2} (v_{2j}/2 - u_{2j}) \omega_{u_{2j}}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq 2^{n-l} \sup_j \int_X (-u_{2j}) \omega_{u_{2j}}^{n-1} \wedge \omega < \infty$. Similarly, we have $\int_{u_{2j} > v_{2j}} (-v_{2j}) \omega_{u_{2j}}^l \wedge \omega_{v_{2j}}^{n-1-l} \wedge \omega \leq 2^{l+1} \sup_j \int_X (-v_{2j}) \omega_{v_{2j}}^{n-1} \wedge \omega < \infty$. Hence we have proved that there exists

a constant $A > 0$ such that $\int_{\{u \leq -k\} \cup \{v \leq -k\}} \omega_{\max(u/2, -j) + \max(v/2, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq A/k$ for all $j \geq k \geq 1$. Thus, for $j \geq 2k \geq 1$ we have $\int_{u/2 + v/2 \leq -k} \omega_{\max(u/2 + v/2, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega = \int_X \omega^n - \int_{u/2 + v/2 > -k} \omega_{\max(u/2 + v/2, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega = \int_X \omega^n - \int_{u/2 + v/2 > -k} \omega_{\max(u/2, -j) + \max(v/2, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega = \int_{u/2 + v/2 \leq -k} \omega_{\max(u/2, -j) + \max(v/2, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq A/k$, which implies that $\omega_{\max(u/2 + v/2, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ on X uniformly for all j and hence $\omega_{u/2 + v/2}^{n-1} \wedge \omega = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \omega_{\max(u/2 + v/2, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \omega_{\max(u/2, -j) + \max(v/2, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega$. It then follows from the lower semi-continuity of $-u/2 - v/2$ that $\int_X (-u/2 - v/2) \omega_{u/2 + v/2}^{n-1} \wedge \omega \leq \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_X (-\max(u/4, -j/2) - \max(v/4, -j/2)) \omega_{\max(u/2, -j) + \max(v/2, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega < \infty$. By Theorem 1 we have obtained that $u/2 + v/2 \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$, which concludes the proof of Theorem 4.

As consequences we have

Corollary 2. *Let $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1} \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. Then*

$$-u_0 \omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega \quad \text{on } X.$$

Proof. Since $(u_0 + u_1 + \dots + u_{l-1})/l = (1/l)u_{l-1} + (1 - 1/l)(u_0 + u_1 + \dots + u_{l-2})/(l-1)$ for $l = 2, 3, \dots, n$, using the induction principle and Theorem 4 we get that $f := (u_0 + u_1 + \dots + u_{n-1})/n \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. Hence we have that $-u_0 \omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega \leq -n^n f \omega_{u_1/n} \wedge \omega_{u_2/n} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}/n} \wedge \omega \leq n^n (-f) \omega_f^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ on X , which concludes the proof of Corollary 2.

Using Corollary 2 and following the proof of Lemma 1, we get now a stronger version of Lemma 1.

Corollary 3. *Let $u, v \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ and $0 \leq l \leq n-1$. Then*

$$\int_{u < v} (v - u) \omega_v^l \wedge \omega_u^{n-1-l} \wedge \omega \leq \int_{u < v} (v - u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega.$$

Corollary 4. *Let $u_0 \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. Then*

$$-u_1 \omega_{u_2} \wedge \omega_{u_3} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_n} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega \quad \text{on } X$$

uniformly for all $u_l \in PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$ with $u_l \geq u_0$ and $l = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Proof. Since $f := (u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n)/n \geq u_0$ and $f \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$, by Theorem 3 we get that $-u_1 \omega_{u_2} \wedge \omega_{u_3} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_n} \wedge \omega \leq n^n (-f) \omega_f^{n-1} \wedge \omega \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ on X uniformly for all such functions u_l , which concludes the proof of Corollary 4.

Remark. Corollary 4 implies that a function $u \in PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$ belongs to $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ if and only if $(-\max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^l \wedge \omega^{n-l} \ll \text{Cap}_\omega$ on X uniformly for all $j \geq 1$ and $0 \leq l \leq n-1$.

3. A Convergence Theorem of the Complex Monge-Ampère Operator

In this section we prove a convergence theorem of the complex Monge-Ampère operator in $\mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. We divide its proof into several lemmas.

Given $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1} \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. By Corollary 2 the current $\omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}}$ is well defined. Now for any $g \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$, we define the wedge product $\omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g$ in a natural way:

$$\omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g := \omega \wedge \omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} + dd^c(g \omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}}).$$

Then we have

Lemma 2. *Let $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1} \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ and $f, g \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$. Then the following equalities hold.*

$$(a) \quad \int_X (-g) dd^c f \wedge \omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} = \int_X (-f) dd^c g \wedge \omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}}.$$

$$(b) \quad \int_X (-g) dd^c u_0 \wedge \omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} = \int_X (-u_0) dd^c g \wedge \omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}}.$$

Proof. It is no restriction to assume that $f, g \leq -2$ in X . Write $T = \omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}}$. Take two sequences $f_j, g_k \in PSH^{-1}(X, A\omega) \cap C^\infty(X)$ for some $A \geq 1$ such that $f_j \searrow f$ and $g_k \searrow g$ in X , see [D1]. It follows from Dini's theorem and quasicontinuity of quasi-psh functions that $f_j \rightarrow f$ in Cap_ω on X . So, using $T \wedge \omega \ll Cap_\omega$, we get $f_j T \rightarrow f T$ and hence $dd^c f_j \wedge T \rightarrow dd^c f \wedge T$ weakly in X . Similarly, $dd^c g_k \wedge T \rightarrow dd^c g \wedge T$ weakly in X . Thus we have $\int_X (-f_j) dd^c g \wedge T = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_X (-f_j) dd^c g_k \wedge T = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_X (-g_k) dd^c f_j \wedge T = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_X (-g_k) (A\omega + dd^c f_j) \wedge T - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_X (-g_k) (A\omega) \wedge T = \int_X (-g) dd^c f_j \wedge T$, where the last equality follows from the Lebesgue monotone convergence theorem. Then, by lower semi-continuity of $-g$, we get $\int_X (-f) dd^c g \wedge T = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_X (-f_j) dd^c g \wedge T = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_X (-g) dd^c f_j \wedge T = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_X (-g) (A\omega + dd^c f_j) \wedge T - \int_X (-g) (A\omega) \wedge T \geq \int_X (-g) dd^c f \wedge T$. By symmetry we have obtained equality (a). Let $u_l = \max(u_0, -l)$. By (a) we have $\int_X (-g) dd^c u_l \wedge T = \int_X (-u_l) dd^c g \wedge T$. It follows from Corollary 2 that $u_0 T$ is a well-defined current and $u_l T \rightarrow u_0 T$ as currents in X . Hence we get $\int_X (-g) dd^c u_0 \wedge T \leq \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \int_X (-g) dd^c u_l \wedge T = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \int_X (-u_l) dd^c g \wedge T = \int_X (-u_0) dd^c g \wedge T$. On the other hand, $\int_X (-u_0) dd^c g_k \wedge T = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \int_X (-u_l) dd^c g_k \wedge T = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \int_X (-g_k) dd^c u_l \wedge T = \int_X (-g_k) dd^c u_0 \wedge T$. Letting $k \rightarrow \infty$ we get $\int_X (-u_0) dd^c g \wedge T \leq \int_X (-g) dd^c u_0 \wedge T$. Hence we have proved equality (b) and the proof of Lemma 2 is complete.

Lemma 3. *Let $u \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ and $g \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$. Then the following statements hold.*

- (a) $\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \ll Cap_\omega$ on X uniformly for all j ;
- (b) For each $f \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$, we have that $f \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \longrightarrow f \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g$ weakly in X as $j \rightarrow \infty$;
- (c) $(-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \ll Cap_\omega$ on X .

Proof. It is no restriction to assume that $g \leq -2$ in X . Given $j \geq k \geq 1$. By Lemma 2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{u \leq -k} \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \leq 1/k \int_X (-\max(u, -k)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \\ &= 1/k \int_X (-\max(u, -k)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega + 1/k \int_X (-g) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge dd^c \max(u, -k) \\ &\leq 1/k \int_X (-\max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega + 1/k \int_X (-g) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega_{\max(u, -k)} \\ &\leq 1/k \sup_j \int_X (-\max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega + 1/k \sup_X |g| \int_X \omega^n. \end{aligned}$$

Given a Borel set $E \subset X$. By Proposition 4.2 in [BT1] for bounded quasi-psh functions, we get that $\int_E \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \leq \int_{u \leq k} \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g + \int_E \omega_{\max(u, -k)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g$ for all $j \geq k \geq 1$, which implies (a).

To prove (b), we prove first that $\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \longrightarrow \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g$ weakly in X as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Given a smooth function ψ . Multiplying a small positive constant if necessary, we can assume $\psi \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap C^\infty(X)$. Then we have $\int_X \psi \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g - \int_X \psi \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g = \int_X \psi (\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega - \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega) + \int_X g (\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} - \omega_u^{n-1}) \wedge dd^c \psi$, where by Proposition 1 the first term on the right hand side tends to zero as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Take a sequence $g_k \in PSH^{-1}(X, A\omega) \cap C^\infty(X)$ for some $A \geq 1$ such that $g_k \searrow g$ in X , see [D1]. Write the second term as

$$\int_X g_k (\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} - \omega_u^{n-1}) \wedge dd^c \psi + \int_X (g - g_k) (\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} - \omega_u^{n-1}) \wedge dd^c \psi := B_{k,j} + C_{k,j}.$$

By the smoothness of ψ we have that $(\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} + \omega_u^{n-1}) \wedge \omega_\psi \ll Cap_\omega$ on X uniformly for all j . Since $g_k \rightarrow g$ in Cap_ω on X , we get that $C_{k,j} \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ uniformly for all j . Then for each fixed k , $B_{k,j} \rightarrow 0$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Hence we have proved that $\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \longrightarrow \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g$ weakly in X as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Together with (a), we get $\omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \ll Cap_\omega$ on X , see the proof of Proposition 1. Now for $f \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$, we take a sequence $f_k \in PSH(X, A\omega) \cap C^\infty(X)$ for some $A \geq 1$ such that $f_k \searrow f$ in X . Write $f \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g - f \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g = (f - f_k) (\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g - \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g) + f_k (\omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g - \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g)$, where for each fixed k the second term on the right hand side tends to zero weakly as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Using (a) and $\omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \ll Cap_\omega$, we get that the first term converges weakly to zero uniformly for all j as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Thus we have obtained (b).

Finally, by the lower semi-continuity of $-u$, for any $k \geq 1$ we obtain $\int_X (-\max(u, -k)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \leq \sup_j \int_X (-\max(u, -j)) \omega_{\max(u, -j)}^{n-1} \wedge \omega + \sup_X |g| \int_X \omega^n < \infty$, which yields $u \in L^1(X, \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g)$. Thus we have that $(-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \ll \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \ll Cap_\omega$ on X . The proof of Lemma 3 is complete.

Lemma 4. *Let $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1} \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ and $g \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$. Suppose that a sequence $u_j \in PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$ decreases to u_1 in X . Then the following statements hold.*

- (a) $(-u_0) \omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g \ll Cap_\omega$ on X ;
- (b) For each $f \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$, we have that $f \omega_{u_j} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g \longrightarrow f \omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g$ weakly in X as $j \rightarrow \infty$;
- (c) $\omega_{u_j} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \omega_{u_3} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g \ll Cap_\omega$ on X uniformly for all j .

Proof. Since $(u_0 + u_1 + \dots + u_{n-1})/n \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$, assertion (a) follows directly from (c) of Lemma 3. Now we prove (b). Given a smooth function ψ in X . We assume without loss of generality that $0 \leq f, \psi \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$. Observe that $\varepsilon h^2 \in PSH(X, \omega)$ if h is a bounded positive quasi-psh function in X and the constant ε satisfies $\max_X h \leq 1/(2\varepsilon)$.

Hence, applying the quality $\frac{\psi f}{2} = (\frac{\psi+f}{2})^2 - (\frac{\psi}{2})^2 - (\frac{f}{2})^2$, we can assume that $h := \psi f$ is a bounded quasi-psh function in X . By Lemma 2, for each $k \geq 1$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_X \psi f \omega_{u_j} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g - \int_X \psi f \omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g \right| \\
&= \left| \int_X (u_j - u_1) dd^c h \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g \right| \leq \int_X |u_j - u_1| (\omega_h + \omega) \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g \\
&\leq \int_{u_1 < -k} |u_1| (\omega_h + \omega) \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g \\
&\quad + \int_X |\max(u_j, -k) - \max(u_1, -k)| (\omega_h + \omega) \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g,
\end{aligned}$$

where by (a) the first term on the right hand side tends to zero as $k \rightarrow \infty$. For each fixed k , since $\max(u_j, -k) \rightarrow \max(u_1, -k)$ in Cap_ω on X as $j \rightarrow \infty$, we get that the second term converges to zero as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Hence we have obtained (b).

By (a) and Theorem 3.2 in [BT1], assertion (c) follows from the property: for any hyperconvex subset $\Omega \subset\subset X$ with $dd^c \phi = \omega$ and $\phi = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$ and any $h \in PSH(\Omega) \cap L^\infty(\Omega)$, we have that $h \omega_{u_j} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g \longrightarrow h \omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g$ weakly in Ω as $j \rightarrow \infty$. To prove this property, for each $\psi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$, we take a constant $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\varepsilon(h - \sup_\Omega h - 1) > \phi$ on $\text{supp } \psi$, and $\varepsilon(h - \sup_\Omega h - 1) < \phi$ near $\partial\Omega$. Set

$$f = \begin{cases} \max(\varepsilon(h - \sup_\Omega h - 1), \phi) - \phi, & \text{in } \Omega; \\ 0, & \text{in } X \setminus \Omega. \end{cases}$$

Then $f \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$ and $\psi h = \varepsilon^{-1} \psi \phi + \varepsilon^{-1} \psi f + \psi \sup_\Omega h + \psi$. Hence, by the smoothness of ϕ and (b), we get that $h \omega_{u_j} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g \longrightarrow h \omega_{u_1} \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g$ weakly in Ω as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, we have proved (c) and the proof of Lemma 4 is complete.

Lemma 5. *Let $u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1} \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ and $g \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$. Then for almost all constants $1 \leq k < \infty$,*

$$\int_{u_1 < -k} (-k - u_1) dd^c u_0 \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g \leq \int_{u_1 < -k} (-u_0) dd^c u_1 \wedge \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g.$$

Proof. Write $T = \omega_{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_{u_{n-1}} \wedge \omega_g$. Assume first that $0 \geq u_0, u_1 \in PSH(X, A\omega) \cap C^\infty(X)$ with $A \geq 1$. Given $\varepsilon > 0$ and $k \geq 1$. Since $\max(u_1 + \varepsilon, -k) = u_1 + \varepsilon$ near $\partial\{u_1 < -k\}$ if it is not empty, we have that $\int_{u_1 < -k} (-k - u_1) dd^c u_0 \wedge T = \lim_{\varepsilon \searrow 0} \int_{u_1 < -k} (\max(u_1 +$

$\varepsilon, -k) - u_1 - \varepsilon) dd^c u_0 \wedge T = \lim_{\varepsilon \searrow 0} \int_{u_1 < -k} u_0 dd^c (\max(u_1 + \varepsilon, -k) - u_1 - \varepsilon) \wedge T = \int_{u_1 < -k} (-u_0) dd^c u_1 \wedge T + \lim_{\varepsilon \searrow 0} \int_{u_1 < -k} u_0 dd^c \max(u_1 + \varepsilon, -k) \wedge T$. Since $\max(u_1 + \varepsilon, -k) T \rightarrow \max(u_1, -k) T$ weakly in X as $\varepsilon \searrow 0$, we have $(A\omega + dd^c \max(u_1 + \varepsilon, -k)) \wedge T \rightarrow (A\omega + dd^c \max(u_1, -k)) \wedge T$ weakly as $\varepsilon \searrow 0$. From the upper semi-continuity of $u_0 \leq 0$ in the open set $\{u_1 < -k\}$, it turns out that $\lim_{\varepsilon \searrow 0} \int_{u_1 < -k} u_0 dd^c \max(u_1 + \varepsilon, -k) \wedge T = \lim_{\varepsilon \searrow 0} \int_{u_1 < -k} u_0 [(A\omega + dd^c \max(u_1 + \varepsilon, -k)) - A\omega] \wedge T \leq \int_{u_1 < -k} u_0 dd^c \max(u_1, -k) \wedge T = 0$. Hence we get $\int_{u_1 < -k} (-k - u_1) dd^c u_0 \wedge T \leq \int_{u_1 < -k} (-u_0) dd^c u_1 \wedge T$ for all $k \geq 1$ in the case of $0 \geq u_0, u_1 \in PSH(X, A\omega) \cap C^\infty(X)$.

Secondly, assume that $u_0, u_1 \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$. By [D1] there exist negative functions $u_{0t}, u_{1s} \in PSH(X, A\omega) \cap C^\infty(X)$ with some $A \geq 1$ such that $u_{0t} \searrow u_0$ and $u_{1s} \searrow u_1$ in X . Since $\int_{u_1 \leq -k} (\omega_{u_1} + \omega) \wedge T$ is an increasing function of k and hence continuous almost everywhere with respect to the Lebesgue measure, we have that $\int_{u_1 = -k} (\omega_{u_1} + \omega) \wedge T = 0$ holds for almost all k in $[1, \infty)$. Given such a constant k . By Fatou lemma and the lower semi-continuity of $-u_{1s}$, we get that $\int_{u_1 < -k} (-k - u_1) dd^c u_0 \wedge T = \int_{u_1 < -k} (-k - u_1) (A\omega + dd^c u_0) \wedge T - A \int_{u_1 < -k} (-k - u_1) \omega \wedge T \leq \liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} \int_{u_{1s} < -k} (-k - u_{1s}) (A\omega + dd^c u_0) \wedge T - A \int_{u_1 < -k} (-k - u_1) \omega \wedge T \leq \liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{u_{1s} < -k} (-k - u_{1s}) (A\omega + dd^c u_{0t}) \wedge T - \liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} A \int_{u_1 < -k} (-k - u_{1s}) \omega \wedge T = \liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{u_{1s} < -k} (-k - u_{1s}) dd^c u_{0t} \wedge T - A \liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} \int_{u_{1s} \geq -k > u_1} (-k - u_{1s}) \omega \wedge T$. Given $\delta > 0$, we have that $|\int_{u_{1s} \geq -k > u_1} (-k - u_{1s}) \omega \wedge T| \leq \delta \int_X \omega \wedge T + \int_{u_{1s} - u_1 \geq \delta} (-u_1) \omega \wedge T \rightarrow \delta \int_X \omega \wedge T$ as $s \rightarrow \infty$, since $u_{1s} \rightarrow u_1$ in Cap_ω and $(-u_1) \omega \wedge T \ll Cap_\omega$ on X . Hence we have $\int_{u_1 < -k} (-k - u_1) dd^c u_0 \wedge T \leq \liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{u_{1s} < -k} (-k - u_{1s}) dd^c u_{0t} \wedge T \leq \liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{u_{1s} < -k} (-u_{0t}) dd^c u_{1s} \wedge T = \liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} \int_{u_{1s} < -k} (-u_0) dd^c u_{1s} \wedge T \leq \liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} \int_{u_1 \leq -k} (-u_0) (A\omega + dd^c u_{1s}) \wedge T - A \liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} \int_{u_{1s} < -k} (-u_0) \omega \wedge T = \liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} \int_{u_1 \leq -k} (-u_0) (A\omega + dd^c u_{1s}) \wedge T - A \int_{u_1 \leq -k} (-u_0) \omega \wedge T$. By Lemma 4 and quasicontinuity of quasi-psh functions, it is no restriction to assume that $\{u_1 \leq -k\}$ is a closed set and hence the last limit inferior does not exceed $\int_{u_1 \leq -k} (-u_0) (A\omega + dd^c u_1) \wedge T$. So we have obtained $\int_{u_1 < -k} (-k - u_1) dd^c u_0 \wedge T \leq \int_{u_1 < -k} (-u_0) dd^c u_1 \wedge T$ for all $u_0, u_1 \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$ and almost all k in $[1, \infty)$.

Finally, let $u_0, u_1 \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. For almost all constants k in $[1, \infty)$ we have that $\int_{u_1 = -k} (\omega_{u_1} + \omega) \wedge T = 0$ and $\int_{\max(u_1, -s) < -k} (-k - \max(u_1, -s)) dd^c \max(u_0, -t) \wedge T \leq \int_{\max(u_1, -s) < -k} (-\max(u_0, -t)) dd^c \max(u_1, -s) \wedge T$ for all integers $s, t \geq 1$. Letting $s \rightarrow \infty$ and applying the same proof as above, we have $\int_{u_1 < -k} (-k_j - u_1) dd^c \max(u_0, -t) \wedge T \leq \int_{u_1 < -k} (-\max(u_0, -t)) dd^c u_1 \wedge T$ and then letting $t \rightarrow \infty$ we get the required inequality. The proof of Lemma 5 is complete.

Lemma 6. *Let $u_0 \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ and $g \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$. Then*

$$\int_{u < -k} (-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$

uniformly for all $u \in PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$ with $u \geq u_0$ in X .

Proof. Given $u \in PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$ with $u \geq u_0$. Take a sequence $1 \leq k_1 \leq k_2 \leq \dots \leq k_j \rightarrow \infty$ such that Lemma 5 holds for the functions u and u_0 when $k = k_j/2^i$, where $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ and $j = 1, 2, \dots$. Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{u < -k_j} (-u) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \leq \int_{u_0 < -k_j} (-u_0) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \leq 2 \int_{u_0 < -k_j} (-k_j/2 - u_0) \omega_u^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g \\
& \leq 2 \int_{u_0 < -k_j/2} (-k_j/2 - u_0) \omega \wedge \omega_u^{n-2} \wedge \omega_g + 2 \int_{u_0 < -k_j/2} (-k_j/2 - u_0) dd^c u \wedge \omega_u^{n-2} \wedge \omega_g \\
& \leq 2 \int_{u_0 < -k_j/2} (-k_j/2 - u_0) \omega \wedge \omega_u^{n-2} \wedge \omega_g + 2 \int_{u_0 < -k_j/2} (-u) dd^c u_0 \wedge \omega_u^{n-2} \wedge \omega_g \\
& \leq 2 \int_{u_0 < -k_j/2} (-u_0) \omega \wedge \omega_u^{n-2} \wedge \omega_g + 2 \int_{u_0 < -k_j/2} (-u_0) \omega_{u_0} \wedge \omega_u^{n-2} \wedge \omega_g \\
& = 2 \int_{u_0 < -k_j/2} (-u_0) (\omega + \omega_{u_0}) \wedge \omega_u^{n-2} \wedge \omega_g \leq 2^2 \int_{u_0 < -k_j/2^2} (-u_0) (\omega + \omega_{u_0})^2 \wedge \omega_u^{n-3} \wedge \omega_g \\
& \leq \dots \leq 2^{n-1} \int_{u_0 < -k_j/2^{n-1}} (-u_0) (\omega + \omega_{u_0})^{n-1} \wedge \omega_g,
\end{aligned}$$

which, by Lemma 4 and the equality $(\omega + \omega_{u_0})^{n-1} = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{l} \omega^l \wedge \omega_{u_0}^{n-1-l}$, tends to zero as $j \rightarrow \infty$. This concludes the proof of Lemma 6.

We are now in a position to prove the convergence theorem.

Theorem 5. (Convergence Theorem) *Let $0 \leq p < \infty$. Suppose that $0 \geq g \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$ and $u_0 \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. If $u_j, u \in PSH^{-1}(X, \omega)$ are such that $u_j \rightarrow u$ in Cap_ω on X and $u_j \geq u_0$, then $(-g)^p \omega_{u_j}^n \rightarrow (-g)^p \omega_u^n$ weakly in X .*

Proof. Given $k \geq 1$. Write

$$\begin{aligned}
(-g)^p \omega_{u_j}^n - (-g)^p \omega_u^n &= (-g)^p (\omega_{u_j}^n - \omega_{\max(u_j, -k)}^n) + (-g)^p (\omega_{\max(u_j, -k)}^n - \omega_{\max(u, -k)}^n) \\
&\quad + (-g)^p (\omega_{\max(u, -k)}^n - \omega_u^n) := A_{k,j} + B_{k,j} + C_k.
\end{aligned}$$

For each fixed k , by Theorem 1 in [X3] we have that $B_{k,j} \rightarrow 0$ weakly in X as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Given a smooth function ψ in X . Following the proof of Theorem 1 in [X3], we can assume that $\psi (-g)^p$ is the sum of finite terms of form $\pm f$, where f are bounded quasi-psh functions in X . For such a function f , by Lemma 2 we get

$$\left| \int_X f (\omega_{u_j}^n - \omega_{\max(u_j, -k)}^n) \right| = \left| \int_X (u_j - \max(u_j, -k)) dd^c f \wedge \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \omega_{u_j}^l \wedge \omega_{\max(u_j, -k)}^{n-1-l} \right|$$

$$= \left| \int_{u_j < -k} (u_j + k) dd^c f \wedge \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \omega_{u_j}^l \wedge \omega_{\max(u_j, -k)}^{n-1-l} \right| \leq \int_{u_j < -k} (-u_j) (\omega_f + \omega) \wedge \omega_{u_j}^{n-1},$$

which by Lemma 6 tends to zero uniformly for all j as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Hence, $A_{k,j} \rightarrow 0$ uniformly for all j as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Similarly, we have that $C_k \rightarrow 0$ weakly as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, we have obtained that $(-g)^p \omega_{u_j}^n \rightarrow (-g)^p \omega_u^n$ weakly and the proof of Theorem 5 is complete.

Applying Dini's theorem and quasicontinuity of quasi-psh functions, we get the following consequence.

Corollary 5. *Let $0 \leq p < \infty$ and $0 \geq g \in PSH(X, \omega) \cap L^\infty(X)$. If $u_j, u \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ are such that $u_j \searrow u$ or $u_j \nearrow u$ in X , then $(-g)^p \omega_{u_j}^n \rightarrow (-g)^p \omega_u^n$ weakly in X .*

Corollary 6. *Let $u, v \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. Then*

$$\chi_{\{u > v\}} \omega_{\max(u, v)}^n = \chi_{\{u > v\}} \omega_u^n.$$

Proof. This proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 4.1 in [KH]. Given a constant $k \geq 0$. Write $u_j = \max(u, -j)$. By Proposition 4.2 in [BT1] we have that $\max(u_j + k, 0) \omega_{\max(u_j, -k)}^n = \max(u_j + k, 0) \omega_{u_j}^n$ for all j . Using $\max(u_j + k, 0) \geq \max(u + k, 0) \geq 0$, we get $\max(u + k, 0) \omega_{\max(u_j, -k)}^n = \max(u + k, 0) \omega_{u_j}^n$. Letting $j \rightarrow \infty$ and applying Theorem 5, we get $\max(u + k, 0) \omega_{\max(u, -k)}^n = \max(u + k, 0) \omega_u^n$. Hence we have obtained that $\chi_{\{u > -k\}} \omega_{\max(u, -k)}^n = \chi_{\{u > -k\}} \omega_u^n$ holds for any $u \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$ and $k \geq 0$. Therefore, $\omega_{\max(u, v)}^n = \omega_{\max(u, v, -k)}^n$ and $\omega_u^n = \omega_{\max(u, -k)}^n$ on each set $\{u > -k > v\}$ with a rational number $k \geq 0$. But $\omega_{\max(u, v, -k)}^n = \omega_{\max(u, -k)}^n$ on the open set $\{-k > v\}$ and hence $\chi_{\{u > -k > v\}} \omega_{\max(u, v)}^n = \chi_{\{u > -k > v\}} \omega_u^n$, which implies the required equality. The proof of Corollary 6 is complete.

Corollary 7. *Let $u, v \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. Then*

$$\omega_{\max(u, v)}^n \geq \chi_{\{u \geq v \text{ and } u \neq -\infty\}} \omega_u^n + \chi_{\{u < v\}} \omega_v^n.$$

Proof. Given $\varepsilon > 0$, by Corollary 6 we have $\omega_{\max(u, v - \varepsilon)}^n \geq \chi_{\{u > v - \varepsilon\}} \omega_u^n + \chi_{\{u < v - \varepsilon\}} \omega_v^n \geq \chi_{\{u \geq v \text{ and } u \neq -\infty\}} \omega_u^n + \chi_{\{u < v - \varepsilon\}} \omega_v^n$. Letting $\varepsilon \searrow 0$ and using Theorem 5, we obtain the required inequality which concludes the proof.

Remark. Corollary 7 is a generalization of the well known Demailly inequality, see [D2].

Corollary 8. *Let $u, v \in \mathcal{F}(X, \omega)$. Then*

$$\int_{u < v} \omega_v^n \leq \int_{u < v} \omega_u^n + \int_{u = v = -\infty} \omega_u^n.$$

Proof. By Corollary 6 we have $\int_{u < v} \omega_v^n = \int_{u < v} \omega_{\max(u, v)}^n = \int_X \omega^n - \int_{u \geq v} \omega_{\max(u, v)}^n \leq \int_X \omega^n - \int_{u > v} \omega_{\max(u, v)}^n = \int_X \omega^n - \int_{u > v} \omega_u^n = \int_{u \leq v} \omega_u^n$. Using δv instead of v and letting $\delta \nearrow 1$, we get the required inequality and the proof is complete.

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